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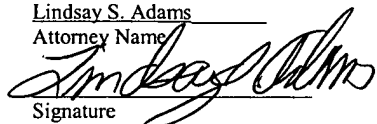
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-15 in the following manner:

1. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for dispensing, applying, and sealing individual sections of thermoplastic tape having one or more fastener profiles thereto, said tape being sealed across a portion of a web of thermoplastic material, said apparatus comprising:
- means for dispensing said tape and fastener profile;
  - a tape applicator apparatus;

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